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SUBJECT: PRESIDENCY OF CND'S FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

1. SWEDISH MISOFF (AHLANDER) ADVISED JAN 28 THAT HIS GOVT HAS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM SOVIET GOVT THAT USSR IS AGREEABLE TO MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ASSUMING PRESIDENCY OF UPCOMING FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION OF CND. SOVIET AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF OTHER CND MEMBERS AND REELECTION OF BABIAN TO FIRST VICE-PRESIDENCY. CONFIRMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM SOVIET GOVT BY SWEDISH EMBASSY MOSCOW. SWEDES WERE TOLD SAME THING BY SOVIET PERMREP GENEVA.

2. OUR SOUNDINGS TO DATE INDICATE THAT WHILE SOME CND MEMBERS ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT ARRANGEMENT THERE IS UNLIKELY BE OBJECTION TO IT. HOWEVER, SWEDEN AND CANADA, IN GOING ALONG WITH ARRANGEMENT, ASSUME THAT REXED AND SMITH WILL BE REELECTED SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT AND RAPPORTEUR, RESPECTIVELY. AS WASH AWARE, EL HAKIM (EGYPT) THREW HIS HAT INTO VICE-PRESIDENCY RING FEW WEEKS AGO. HOW-
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EVER, WE TALKED WITH HIM JAN 27 (HE IS HERE IN CONNEC-

TION WITH UN LABORATORY MEETING). EL HAKIM STATED
THAT IN EVENT CONFIRMATION WERE RECEIVED OF MEXICAN/
SOVIET DEAL INVOLVING REELECTION OF LAST YEAR'S OFFICERS,
HE WOULD PERSONALLY NOT WISH UPSET APPLE CART AND,
SUBJECT HIS GOVT'S AGREEMENT, WOULD IN SUCH SIRCUM-
STANCES WISH TO WITHDRAW HIS CANDIDACY FOR VICE-PRESIDENCY
THIS YEAR. WE ARE ADVISING EL HAKIM OF RECEIPT BY
SWEDISH MISSION OF CONFIRMATION SOVIET GOVT'S POSITION.
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